

It is very upsetting to me and my family that Sinclair Broadcasting Group has forced its affiliates to air a smear campaign on Senator Kerry. Taking this decision before a presidential election is a danger to democracy and freedom in this country. It is completely outrageous, and must be stopped. This is true by any political group wishing to use public airwaves in their own political interest. Surely this is as clear as day -- and it is in nobody's longterm interest to corrupt democracy.

These are public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is not a private movie shown where people have the freedom to buy a ticket or not, as they choose. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Why can't we have local issues with local people, instead of being controlled by a large corporate interest far away? Please, please do something about this corruption.

Sinclair's decision proves that we need to strengthen media ownership rules. License renewal process must be a REAL process. Thank you for reading this and considering it carefully.